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Division of Labor Services

REPORT TO ECONOMIC GROWTH APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET SUB COMMITTEE

By Labor Commissioner David Neil

Boilers

22,447

In Public Places

Elevators

10, 621

In Public Places

Boiler and Elevator Boards are requesting removing the revolving funds Sun Set Provision. Revolving funds pay for Boiler and Elevator programs.

Amusement Ride Inspections

We now have three (3) level one certified, and two (2) level two certified inspectors. We have requested a fee increase to pay for this activity.

Contractor Registration 18,000 Registered Contractors
 We are requesting a revolving fund for Contractor Registration.
 There are a total of three (3) bills affecting this program.

Iowa OSHA

Consultation

30 to 45 day back log of requests

Funded 90% Federal 10% State

Enforcement

733 Inspections in 2007

Funded 50% Federal 50% State

26 deaths - 2006

16 deaths – 2007

The injury rate fell from 6.4 to 5.8 per 100 workers in 2007 reducing the rate 20.3%.

Budget for Salaries to Maintain Status Quo.

Full Salary appropriation on State and Federal financed salaries. Without full appropriation we will have to lay off employees.



DIVISION OF LABOR BILLS 2008

SSB 3048, HSB 598, LSB 5435,

Rescinds subsections that would otherwise terminate the revolving elevator safety fund and the revolving boiler and pressure vessel safety fund effective July 1, 2012.

SSB 3043, HSB 602, LSB 5467

Updates the definition of "inclined or vertical wheelchair lift" to reflect current codes and terminology. Clarifies that operating permits need to be posted near inclined or vertical wheelchair lifts rather than near lifts.

SSB 3046, HSB 599, LSB 5437

Rescinds a provision allowing private amusement ride inspectors to be sponsored by amusement ride operators and licensed by the labor commissioner.

SSB 3042, LSB 5436

Creates a revolving fund for the contractor registration program of the division of labor services. Fees collected pursuant to the chapter are to be deposited in the revolving fund. Increases the registration fee from \$25 to \$50.

SSB 3047, HSB 603, LSB 5438

Expands the circumstances when an employee's overdraft charges that were caused by an employer's failure to pay wages timely would be the basis for a wage claim under lowa Code Chapter 91A.

LABOR COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE State Funded Programs

- Wage Enforcement
- Child Labor Permits
- Contractor Registration
- Amusement Ride Inspections
- Asbestos Removal Licensing
- Occupational Safety and Health Consultation 90\10
- Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement 50/50

Occupational Safety and Health are the largest programs, both are funded by Federal and State resources on a match bases.

Since 1998 the Labor Commissioner's Office has had to refund to the federal government the following amounts because the shortage of state funds to match the federal funds.

- 1998 \$6,651.00
- 1999 \$150,810.00
- 2000 \$43,128.00
- 2002 \$181,294.00
- 2003 \$40,230.00
- 2004 <u>\$52,895.00</u> \$475,008.00

In addition the Federal Government offered cost of living increases which the Labor Commissioner's Office couldn't take advantage of because of no match money.

> 2002 - \$7,000.00 2003 - \$14,000.00 2004 - <u>\$24,000.00</u> \$65,000.00

475,008.00 – Unmatched Program Dollars \$65,000.00 – Unmatched Cost of Living Increases Total \$540, 008.00